

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017
BOARD ROOM AT 1035 15TH STREET**

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: Tori Carsrud, Joe Anderson, Leanne Harter, Tom Maier. **ABSENT:** Mark Crawford
STAFF: Steve Gray, Kody Asmus, Mark Beauchene, Heidi Grimm, Justin Gross, Kim Huegerich, Allison Ingham, Kathy McCaulley, Chris Schmidt, Kate Wieczorek, Brian Schaeffer.
COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Anna Brown, Luke Fevold, Keaton Fry, Emma Griffin, Meredith Harter, Chloe Henry, Ellie Moser, Erica Sporrer, Joseph Schmitz.

1. Call to Order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda** The Board noted additional bills and personnel for the consent agenda. Motion by Maier, second by Anderson. Motion Carried 3-0 (Harter had not yet arrived to the meeting).

3. **Public Comment** - none

4.1 **Board Salutes** The Board recognized and awarded Kim Huegerich a “Board Salutes” for her award as Iowa High School World Language Teacher of the Year.

4.2 **High School Adaptive PE/Art Presentation Junior student** Emma Griffin spoke to the Board about a program using adaptive art in a physical education class that involved eight special education students and four student mentors. She said the program helped to make the special ed students feel that they were given attention. This collaboration resulted in a canvas art painting created by all 12 of the students. Mr. Beauchene, Art Instructor, said the program promotes conversation and the regular ed students benefit working with the other students. Ms. Grimm, P E Instructor said the painting work helped students with fine motor skills. The painting was displayed and is a gift to the Board.

The record shows that Board member Leanne Harter arrived at 6:40 p.m.

4.3 **Self-Paced Math: Nevada Middle School** Middle School instructors gave a presentation on self-paced math. They said this program was different from how math was taught three years ago in the Middle School. Ms. Ingham said self-paced math replaced a curriculum that the instructors posted on Google. The instructors were encouraged by the Technology Department to use the software program “Canvas”, rather than Google. Ms. Wieczorek said that they use instructional videos from the Internet created by college-level students in a partnership with Iowa State University. Ms. Ingham said the instructors also use a software program called “BuzzMath” which helps with targeted instruction. Ms. Kate Wieczorek said Canvas allows the students to reflect, take notes, and practice tests on-line. Mrs. Schmidt said she appreciates the teamwork with the digging and tweaking new ways to teach math. Ms. Ingham noted she feels like she is meeting kids’ needs better this way.

4.4 **FFA Update** Mr. Cooper and eight students from FFA gave an update on their activities. Erica Sporrer and Luke Fevold said 19 Nevada FFA members attended the FFA National Convention; 67,000 members nationally attended. Chloe Davis and Ellie Moser reported on the 212 Conference which included sessions on personal growth and turning bad habits into good ones. Junior and Senior students on FFA attended the 360 Leadership Conference which was more advanced than the 212 Conference for relationship building and life choices. Joe Schmitz reported on crop production including soy, pumpkins, mums, and sweet potatoes. Luke Fevold said FFA members were included in the Key Cooperative newsletter which is distributed to eight Iowa counties.

4.5 **HS Softball Field Upgrades** Dr. Gray said Mr. Kroese and Mr. Smith were doing research on the

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cost of improvements for the softball field. Dr. Gray said he would have a breakdown at the Board Retreat on how these improvements fit into the five-year plan. Right now, the cost of improvements are estimated at \$126,000.

5.1 Consider Engineering Quote for HS Baseball Field Project Dr. Gray asked the Board to hire Snyder & Associates for engineers on the Baseball Field Project. He said Snyder had worked on the original SCORE park project. The Board reviewed a list of costs for engineering. Dr. Gray said that the project may not have a general contractor so the specs for the project will have to be consistent with a breakdown of costs between the City and District portions of the project. The City portion of the engineering is up for approval at the City Council meeting. The advantages for hiring engineering are cost and more experience doing baseball field projects. Snyder's quote for the entire project is \$94,500 with \$59,500 the District's portion. Motion by Maier, second by Harter to approve engineering quote from Snyder & Associates. Motion Carried 4-0.

5.2 Consider School Picture Contract Dr. Gray said Administration has done research for a new company for school pictures. Lifetouch has done school pictures in the past. Quotes from Stalzer Photography of Marshalltown has pricing similar to Lifetouch. An one-dollar rebate from Stalzer would be passed to parents. Dr. Gray was asking for Board approval for a photography contract for 2018-19 only. Motion by Harter, second by Maier to approve Stalzer Photography for school pictures for 2018-19. Motion Carried 4-0.

5.3 Consider Application for Modified Allowable Growth The District can capture modified allowable growth for Open Enrollment Out Not in Fall 2016 (\$136,434) and ELL Beyond Five Years (\$11,729). Motion by Maier, second by Anderson to approve the application for Modified Allowable Growth for Open Enrollment Out Not in Fall 2016 and ELL Beyond Five Years. Motion Carried 4-0.

6. Consent Agenda Motion by Maier, second by Harter to approve the consent agenda items:

- Board Minutes of the meeting of October 23
- Bills
- Appointments: Melissa Fogleman – Bus Barn, Serena Quillen – Dishwasher; Emily Schaack – Preschool Associate, Amber Tinta – One-to-One Associate.
- Resignations: Alycia Edson – 7th Grade Volleyball Coach, Carla Johnson – Elementary Associate, Jody Otto – Elementary Food Service, Emily Schaack – Food Service Clerk
- Contract Modifications: Jenny Lyster – correct hourly salary
- Overnight Trip: Nevada Dance Team to Des Moines for State competition
- Applications for Early Graduation Upon Successful Completion of Studies (all at the end of the first term): Emily Engelman, Madelynn Grammer, Jazlyn Jones, Gunner Lyon, Jessica Sturtz,
- Fundraisers: Boys' Basketball Pizza Sales, Baseball Snap-Raise Website, Cub Den Coffee Keep The Change, Volleyball Thelma's Treats, Central E-K Bake Sale, Central Elementary Mittens, Cheerleading Excess Clothing Sale & Fan Pom-Poms, Kindergarten Class selling pumpkins and gourds

Motion Carried 4-0.

7.1 Board Member Comments - none

7.2 Board Calendar was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. The Board will attend IASB Convention on Thursday, November 16 and the Board Retreat will be held on Saturday, December 9.

8. Adjournment at 8:37 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary